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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TAKAHIRO NAKANO, et al

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For: A BICYCLE SPROCKET HAVING A

THICKENED SPLINE

Examiner: Thomas W. Irvin

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2009. A request for continued examination accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.